

I am writing because I understand that there is a proposal in place that would possibly affect my ability to listen to a local radio station. I listen to Air One exclusively, and would be extremely upset if I was unable to listen to it anymore because someone else was given priority for the signals in my area. We already have many areas where the signal is weak or not accessible at all. I began listening to Air One when my three-year-old was singing "In Da Club" by Fifty Cent. I don't know if you are familiar with the words of that song, but "I'm into sex, not into making love" just doesn't sound right coming out of the mouth of a three-year-old child. We have listened only to Air One since that time, over a year now. There is no other radio station that plays only music that has none of those types of lyrics. On any other station I might turn to there is something that I would have to turn away from in order to keep my children from hearing music that is inappropriate for them. I understand about free speech issues, and wouldn't ask those other stations not to play that music, but Air One really is the only "positive alternative" for us. I should have the choice to listen to the music that I want to hear, just like all the people who want to listen to Fifty Cent get to hear that. Air One is a great resource for those of us who want to minister to the community, as well. When I talk to someone about my beliefs, if they show an interest I can refer them to Air One to begin to learn about Jesus in a non-threatening way. The music is great, so they almost don't know they're listening to Christian music, and they will hear about all of the great ministries going on around the world, as well as opportunities to hear God's word in our own community. We would lose this tool if LPFM broadcasters were given priority over the existing local FM stations. With all of the negative influences in media today, Air One provides an invaluable service to those who are still of a mind to focus on the purer things in life. Everywhere there are images of people in skimpy clothing, engaging in activities that used to be very private. The language used is offensive, and the topic of discussion is very adult or violent in nature. I marvel every day at the state of our television shows and the songs played on the radio (when I'm not in my own car or home and have to listen to what others do). I am no zealot, I don't go around preaching to everyone, trying to do away with these things. I rarely am prompted to this type of action, writing to you is out of the ordinary for me. But a part of my everyday life is threatened, and I just think that I should be able to continue to enjoy the choice to avoid those negative influences for myself and my children. Please give everyone the choice, and do not make this change that could take Air One away from us.